



TRINITY TIMES

WORSHIP AT TRINITY:

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

Crossroads Contemporary
Worship in Fellowship Hall

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Easter Every Day

by Reverend Philip Brooks

One year a pastor arrived at church very early for the Easter Sunrise service, then the congregation came, but the organist never appeared -

until time for the regular worship service hours. She had forgotten to set her alarm. A year passed until it was again Easter. At 5:30 a.m. the organist's telephone rang. She answered and heard the Pastor's voice saying, "Christ is risen! Have you?"

On reflection, that is an appropriate question to answer - on Easter or any day. "Christ is risen! Have you?" Is the Risen Christ alive and important in your daily life?

Dr. Leighton Ford said, "One of the great lacks of modern life is a vanished sense of meaning. Vast multitudes shift about from day to day, utterly empty, without goal or destiny, without God and without hope in the world. For the Christian, the resurrection of Jesus Christ changes all that! In Christ, I have a destiny; I have a goal, I have an inheritance in heaven! As Christ said, 'Because I live, you shall live also.'" (John 14:19)

The artist Michelangelo instructed his students, "Paint Jesus Christ not dead, but risen. Paint Him with His feet upon the sepulcher in which they thought to silence Him forever."

Easter cannot be conceived without the empty tomb. Christianity is not darkness, it is light; it is not night, but day; it is not a final sunset but an eternal sunrise. As Christ affirmed, "Because I live, you will live also." Herein lies hope, assurance, triumph. And that reality is available immediately, not just for the future.

Jesus came to bring us life now, meaningful, abundant, joyous experiences - now - plus everlasting life.

A conversation decades ago still thrills my mind and heart. A church member was dying and at his hospital bedside I asked what he thought about. This was his reply, "'Oh pastor, I take such comfort in the Scripture which says, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.'" (I Corinthians 2:9) At death's door, only hours from the end, the man's words, his thoughts ---were about life. About eternal life!

As you go through today, and every day, remember that the Presence of the Risen Christ is with you. Know that nothing will face you that you cannot conquer. Remember that even when the end is near, you look not into the abyss but toward heaven and life eternal. What glorious meaning and purpose for daily living such assurance brings.

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Announcing Trinity's Vacation Bible School



Set sail on a High Seas Expedition
July 12 - 16, 2010
9am until 12 pm
Registration begins April 11, 2010

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Attendance in Sunday school for children and in Kids Own Worship continues to grow, and each Sunday we have the number of children in these Sunday offerings that we formerly had only on Easter! To use two over-worked phrases, though we are reticent to toot our own horns, we are also reticent to hide under a bushel. I don't know who has more fun or experiences more joy, the kids or the teachers and volunteers.

Each year I worry needlessly about having enough volunteers to teach and to help in these services and classes, and each year we come out brimming over with talented, dedicated folks who serve our children but who are served in turn by our children! I've always treasured that song from the musical, *The King and I* in which the school teacher who instructs the King of Siam (who is obviously and deeply enamored of that teacher), "By your pupils you'll be taught." Those who serve our children know this truth and are reminded of it every time they lead our little ones.

If you are looking for a place to share your gifts and you wish to make disciples of Christ, join in the fun! And don't forget things such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School and the Children's Choir! We always need all the hands and hearts we can amass, and we guarantee: No one will be more blessed than will you!

Early Spring Adult Sunday School Classes

April 11 - May 30, 2010

Faces on Faith

April 11 & 18

Jim Pepper & Elizabeth Smith
Chapelside Parlor

Remarkable interviews with some of the twentieth century's giants of faith, Desmond Tutu, Parker Palmer and Adele Gonzales, will be seen on DVD. The hopes and beliefs of these great theologians will be heard in a relaxed, informal setting. Topics include life goals and accomplishments, the meaning of prayer, the problem of evil and the role of faith in daily living. Discussion will follow, and we guarantee that you will not be bored!

Living the Questions: An Introduction to Progressive Christianity

April 25 - May 30

Rev. Mark Dove
Chapelside Parlor

Rev. Dove, a retired United Methodist Minister, is as excited about this study as anyone could be. He will begin the 23-week sessions April 25 and will continue them in the Early Fall of 2010 and again in the Late Spring of 2011. This study is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. It creates an environment in which participants interact with one another in exploring the best of today's theological thought, and, at the same time, those in the discussion will strive together to explore what's next for Christianity. Thirty of today's leading religious voices will be heard.

Gripped by the Greatness of God

Geoff Eubank & Geoff Arthur
Room 208

Many of us remember the resolutions we made around a campfire as children or as youth. But does the fervor of these resolutions translate into a consistent life pattern? Pastor James MacDonald believes that the more we understand God, the more we understand ourselves and the less likely we are to favor our own will over God's. As MacDonald examines Isaiah's encounters with God, he helps us to know more deeply the wonder of God's holiness, awesomeness, sovereignty and other attributes that result in changed lives gripped by God's greatness! You will be inspired to detest apathy and mediocrity in your spiritual walks.

New Member Class

Dr. Brian Jones

Room 215
Rev. Dr. Brian Jones, Associate Minister, will lead this class for all who are interested in membership at Trinity United Methodist Church. Upon completion of this class, members will be welcomed into the welcoming arms of Trinity. Current members will continue to support them as they learn where their gifts are most needed. Participants always enjoy making new friends and acquaintances with those who are also looking forward to joining the Trinity family.

The Jesus I Never Knew (Continued from Early Spring) Laura Roberts Room 209

Welcome to an opportunity that will challenge you and will change you. The journey this class takes will most likely expand and redefine your understanding of the person, teachings and life of Jesus Christ. We will press beyond familiar images to discover Jesus as you've never known him: radical, compelling, compassionate, bold, incisive and ultimately satisfying. We suspect that you will find this Philip Yancey study refreshing, unpredictable and exciting, as the person of Jesus you're about to meet! Philip Yancey serves as Editor-at-large for *Christianity Today* magazine. He has written eleven Gold Medallion Award-winning books, and this one was awarded the Christian Book of the Year.

In His Word

Matt Hamilton
Room 207

Join us for this in-depth study of God's word. We are beginning a new series on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), devoting almost a week to each one and how it applies to our lives.

Bell Choir for All

Diane Stanley
Room 201

Diane Stanley, Director of our wonderful Bell Choir, will be training all adults and children who wish to learn to play the bells. This is an opportunity for people, age 8 through 98 or older to learn to play the bells. Diane will be teaching the bells through the scriptures and the Sunday school curriculum the children would be having in their classes. This Christian Education/Music Education combination packs a punch that only the two together can accomplish!



Grief Support Group Spring Session

Mondays beginning April 5
5:30-7 p.m.
Chapel



The spring session of the Grief Support Group will again be held Monday nights in the Chapel from 5:30-7pm, beginning April 5. The group is open to all church members and non-members who are struggling to cope with the loss of a friend or family member. Curriculum is based around a national Christian organization known as GriefShare and consists of videos, small group discussions, and personal devotions. This is an ongoing ministry at Trinity that has already helped others dealing with the death of a loved one. If you are interested in attending the spring session or have questions about the ministry, please contact Mandy Markoff at 614-595-5307 or email mandy@warmanproductions.com.

Lovely, Dark and Deep: *The Poetry of Robert Frost*

Chapelside Parlor
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
April 8, 15, 22, 29 & May 6

Join us for five Thursday evenings to enjoy and reflect together on the poetry of Robert Frost (1874-1963). Bob Russell, retired Presbyterian University Pastor, will lead class sessions on the meanings and beauty of Frost's poetry. *The Poetry of Robert Frost*, edited by Edward Connors Lathem (a Holt paperback), will be used in the class and is available at bookstores. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase during the class.

Hospice Chaplain to speak at next Stephen Ministry Education Series

All Trinity members and friends are encouraged to attend a monthly lecture series hosted by our Stephen Ministers and featuring notable guest speakers. All programs run from 7-8 p.m. and are held in the Chapel. Please mark your calendars and join us!

Tues., Apr. 20 *A Hospice Chaplain's Perspective*
Reverend Elaine Sturtz

Rev. Sturtz is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. She graduated from Otterbein College and received her Masters of Divinity and Masters in Christian Counseling from The Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and is currently working as a Hospice Chaplain. Elaine is the author of *The Final Dance of Life - Our Journey with Judy*, and two other books: *Love Lighted Path* and *Glimpses of God*. Reverend Sturtz will offer us an understanding of the role of Hospice Chaplaincy in end-of-life care.

Coming up:

Tues., May 18 *Caring for Grief among Children, Teens and Parents*
Mark Tripodi, director of Cornerstone of Hope

Honor Flight Benefit Concert April 18



Lucas Rooney, a 13-year-old member of Trinity, is assembling members of the Crossroads band to present a concert for Honor Flight on April 18 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Honor Flight offers no-charge tours of the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. for veterans. Other destinations for the one-day trip include Arlington National Cemetery, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (changing of the guard and wreath-laying ceremony), Iwo Jima Marine Memorial, Navy Memorial, Air Force Memorial, and others. Guardians go along to assist the veterans with their needs. Guardians pay to go and are trained in assistance. The above picture shows Trinity members: WWII Veteran Ed Schellhaas, Guardian Gary Brand, WWII Veteran Clancy Biegler and Guardian Chuck Barker.

Chili Challenge a Red Hot Event



Smiles, laughter and good food made the Chili Challenge in February a tremendous event. All eight teams were winners, but three teams won the taste buds of the congregation. First place went to the "Usher Team", Second to "Mack's Diner" (Tuesday Morning Men's group, pictured above) and Third to the "Red Hot Youth Chili Peppers" (21 members of our Youth). The teams decorated not only their tables but themselves and served additional foods to enhance the chili. This was the 5th year of fun and fellowship with the Chili Challenge.



New Small Group
MEET: Moms Exploring Educational Topics

We are happy to introduce the launch of the new small group, MEET: Moms Exploring Educational Topics. This group will meet quarterly and will engage moms in book discussion focused on parenting and educational topics for the 21st century as well as allowing an opportunity for fellowship and sharing.

Please join us for our first book discussion **Saturday, June 12** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Chapelside Parlor. Discussion will focus on the book *The Resilient Child* by George S. Everly Jr., Ph.D. Coffee and light refreshments; childcare will be provided

Please contact Betsy Gugle if you are interested in joining or have any questions at esgugle@aol.com or 353-4764. Table in the Narthex beginning in April will have books available to buy. Books can also be purchased at your local book store

Mark your calendar for the next MEET date: Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Attention Mothers with children of all ages...

The Wee Moms of Trinity welcome you to join us each Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Parlor for a time of sharing, service, support and fellowship. Free childcare is provided and all are welcome. In addition to our weekly meetings, we invite you to join us for our quarterly service projects such as our support of the youth and children at New Life UMC. We welcome you to open your heart and mind with us as we strengthen our relationships with each other and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For additional information please contact Kristie Linard at (614) 451-3534 or Krmiller@columbus.rr.com or Cassie Rehl at (614) 486-2686.

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opportunities

Weekly meetings: Sunday Monday

<p>WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>Sunday Mornings <i>9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sanctuary</i> Traditional Worship</p> <p><i>11 a.m. Fellowship Hall</i> Crossroads Contemporary Worship</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. for Adults and Children</p>	<p>Youth Group 7-7:45 MS Youth Room 7:45-8:15 MS&HS 8:15-9 HS Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9:30 am Wee Moms; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>5:30 pm Grief Support Group; Chapel</p>
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<p>4</p> <p>EASTER</p> <p>5:15 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>11</p> <p>VBS Registration Begins see p. 2 for details</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor</p>
<p>18</p> <p>7 pm Lenten Study; Chapelside Parlor 7 pm Honor Flight Benefit Concert; Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:15 am Women's Bible Study; Chapelside Parlor</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Youth Musical 9 & 11 am; 6 pm Baptism Worship Service 12:15 pm; Chapel</p>	<p>26</p>

April 2010

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6:30 am Men's Small Group; Chapelside Parlor</p> <p>12:30 pm Tuesday Team @ New Life Clothing Room</p> <p>6:45 pm Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Troop 261; Room 011</p>	<p>9 am Women of the Living Word; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4:30 pm Children's Choir; Room 204</p>	<p>11 am Disciple Study; Room 207</p> <p>6:45 pm Chancel Bell Choir; Room 201</p> <p>7 pm Financial Peace University; Chapel</p> <p>7 pm Young Professionals Group</p> <p>8 pm Chancel Choir; Room 204</p>		<p>EASTER PRAYER VIGIL Saturday, April 3 Noon to midnight Chapel <i>May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.</i> You are invited to stop in to pray as your schedule permits.</p>
		<p>1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 pm Worship; Sanctuary</p>	<p>2 GOOD FRIDAY Noon Worship; Sanctuary Easter on Fifth Mission Potluck/Packing</p>	<p>3 EASTER EVE Prayer Vigil; Chapel noon to midnight</p>
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<p>6 Trinity Times Deadline</p> <p>7pm Trinity Foundation Meeting; Room 117</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p> <p>7 pm Caring Card Ministry; Room 001</p> <p>7 pm Poetry of Robert Frost; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>13 5-7pm Fellowship Dinner; Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7 pm Meeting Night for Committees</p> <p>8:10 pm Admin Council; Rm 204</p>	<p>14 6:15 pm Amazing Dates; Chapel</p>	<p>15 7 pm Poetry of Robert Frost; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>16 Confirmation Retreat →</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>20 6:15 pm Pizza Making; Fellowship Kitchen</p> <p>6:30 pm Children/ Family Council; Fellowship Parlor</p> <p>7 pm Stephen Ministry Education Series; Chapel</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:30 am Prayers & Squares; Room 208</p> <p>EARTH DAY</p>	<p>23 7 pm Clusters <i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?</i> Event</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>27 7 pm Friendly Visitors Meeting; Chapelside Parlor</p>	<p>28 5:15 pm YWCA Family Center Hosting</p> <p>6:15 pm Amazing Dates; Fellowship Parlor</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Remember, Every Day is Earth Day, and the day to formally celebrate this renewable fact is Thursday April 22. Click on earthday.net or any other "green" website and you will be rewarded with a wealth of ideas and opportunities for enjoyable and economical ways to accomplish the many R's ... Reduce, Re-use, Refresh, Relax, Restore, Resolve, Repair, Re-think, Refine, Re-Commit, Recycle. For starters this spring, less chemicals, cut less often, water less, plant hardier grass and more native trees, capture water, etc. Comments, questions and ideas can be directed to Trinity's Green Group: 488-7613 or bsattter@columbus.rr.com. P.S. Arbor Day is April 30!</p>	

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Easter on Fifth Update

Lenten Mission Project
Good Friday, April 2

Providing new blankets, sheets, pillows and cases for 100 beds for our neighbors in need in the Short North and 50 sleeping bags for the homeless.

There is still time to:

- donate
- provide food for potluck
- help with packing
- worship together at noon
- join us for lunch & fellowship

New Life Bluegrass Festival Saturday, April 17

25 W. 5th Ave.

All proceeds will go to assist with our ministry with currently homeless people and other neighbors who live in poverty.

The evening's program will include dinner, a return performance by Wildwood and will feature a nationally known bluegrass band, SUMMERTOWN ROAD with Randy Thomas, Bo Isaac and Jack Hicks. Dinner is served beginning at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 6pm.

A Silent Auction is also a part of the event. Bidding will begin at 5 p.m. and will close at 8:30 p.m. Admission to the event is by donation of any amount of money at the door and additional donations of new socks and underwear for distribution in the church Clothing Room will also be accepted that evening. Dinner is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child under 12 (kids under 5 are free). We hope to see all of you here!

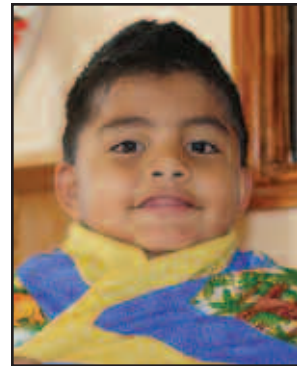
April Mission Opportunities

April 2	Easter on Fifth
April 4	YWCA Family Center hosting
April 17	New Life Bluegrass Festival
April 20	Pizza Making
April 28	YWCA Family Center hosting

Mission Team Delivers Quilts to Mexico Orphanage



The February Mexico Mission team delivered quilts made by Trinity's Prayers & Squares group to children at the House of Mercy Orphanage in Piedras Negras. Pictured above are team members Jayme Rhoades, Bobby Hamilton, Tasha Ruth, Ian Rhoades, Claire Hamilton, Sarah Delay, Dawn Lowery, Jaclyn Lowery, Chris Rhoades, Rev. Amy Aspey, and Liz & Jim Winfree. Two of the precious kids are pictured at right with their beloved prayer quilts.



Thank you for support of New Life's Youth & Family Ministries

by Rev. Laura J. Young
New Life United Methodist Church
Minister of Youth & Families

Trinity's partnership with New Life UMC facilitated continued support for the youth and families in the New Life UMC neighborhood! Trinity's Wee Moms organized a "mid-year replenishment" of school supplies for 200 children and Trinity also contributed \$250 toward New Life's Family Ice Skating Party Fundraiser. (All funds are Trinity's Christmas Mission Offering at work.) Pamela Powell continues to lead a group of moms (dubbed by New Life folks as "snack angels") who provide a healthful snack shared during "Plugged In" each week. "Plugged In" is a tutoring and mentoring program on Tuesdays evenings from 6-8 p.m. New tutors ALWAYS needed! Thanks to Barb Orr for donating a changing table to be used in New Life's nursery and Glenn Himes for building and painting a corn-hole game with bean bags to be used at family functions at New Life. The New Life children's library continues to be stocked with gently used books donated by the members of the Women of the Living Word Bible Study and coordinated by Joan Briggs and Dr. Carolyn Leick.

You are invited to please visit the library during New Life's Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, April 17, or any time! New Life leaders express their continued appreciation for support with our mutual ministries. These needs became known through our covenant group with New Life, led by Cathy Brady, who volunteers in all these ministries with New Life's youth and families!

Thank you for your Loyalty

The 2010 Loyalty Campaign, Count on me, Trinity, which began on September 27, 2009, concluded on a positive note, thanks to the generous support of members and friends of Trinity.

While the economy continued to be challenging, Trinity members reversed a two-year trend of declining pledged revenues. Trinity's 2010 operating budget campaign added 78 new pledgers, including 25 youth and children. Approximately two-thirds of our members made a pledge, a commitment of faith that reflects our members' strong support of Trinity. The average pledge increased 4.4%, helping Trinity address cost-of-living increases of the past two years and anticipated in 2010.

Pledged dollars surpassed those of each of the past two years, and placed the church well on its way to restoring pledged income to the 2007 level, the high point of the last five years. Trinity continues to manage its resources carefully. Total pledged revenues this year are \$1,227,939, an increase of 13.8% over last year and about 5.5% below that of 2007. As in past years, Trinity will rely on significant free-will offerings in the collection plate to complete its budget of \$1,482,000.

Trinity members also support, beyond the operating budget, many important missions as well as the recent Faith in the Future capital campaign that enabled church renovations.

"This is an active, engaged community of faith," said Nancy Petro, chair of the 2010 campaign. "More than 100 Trinity members and friends participated in the campaign efforts. Many thanks go to these volunteers and to all members and friends of Trinity who responded and who continue to generously share their time, talent, and treasure so that our wonderful church can continue God's vital work."

Women's Retreat Rescheduled for May

On May 21-22, all Trinity women are invited to come and enjoy the "Women of Strength: Strength Training for Life" Retreat. The original retreat was cancelled due to bad weather, but we shouldn't have snow holding us back in May!

The "Women of Strength" weekend at Salt Fork will include speakers on physical, mental, and spiritual health; worship; small group conversation; time for reflection; break-out sessions by interest; fellowship; and of course, good food! The event begins with dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and will conclude by 4:00 on Saturday. The cost per person is: single room-\$180, double room- \$125, triple room - \$105, quad room- \$95. The price includes both your lodging and meals. Registration will take place before and after all services on April 4, 11, 18. If you are unable to register at these times or have other questions please contact Rev. Amy Aspey at aaspey@trinityumchurch.com or 488-0695.

Celebrating Trinity Stewards

Each month in *Trinity Times*, the Stewardship Committee invites us to celebrate the efforts of the members of our church family who contribute their time and talents to support the ministries of the church. If you would like to nominate someone for his or her stewardship contributions, please contact Seth Metcalf (smetcalf@ssd.com or 365.2778). Allison Quick wrote the following tribute.

Elizabeth Smith



This month, we recognize the stewardship contributions of Trinity member Elizabeth Smith. Not only is Elizabeth Smith a busy graduate student, but she is also a very active member of Trinity, which she considers to be her "childhood home church." She first attended the church with her parents from the ages of 8-12 before they moved to North Carolina. She returned to Columbus in 2003 to begin her PhD in Linguistics at The Ohio State University and to care for her maternal grandparents. Since that time, Elizabeth has been regularly involved with Trinity as a member and leader of several ministries.

After coming back to Trinity and becoming a member, Elizabeth first became involved with the small group ministry through leading a Lenten study. More recently, Elizabeth has actively participated in several other groups in the church, including the Adult Council, which oversees adult education, and the Strategic Planning Executive Committee, which is working to establish and implement new goals for the future of the church. In addition, she currently acts as the Vice Chair of the Administrative Council and as co-leader of the Young Professionals Group with Jackie Beam. Trinity has certainly been blessed by her time and talent (and all of this has been done while completing a PhD!), but Elizabeth believes that her leadership positions have contributed to her faith development.

Although Elizabeth has been involved with the church for many years, she personally learned how supportive the Trinity community could be last year after she suffered a serious car accident. While in the hospital, Elizabeth was overwhelmed by the love and concern from church members and felt extremely blessed by the prayer quilt that was given to her. She still keeps the quilt close by as a reminder of the power of prayer!

Unfortunately for Trinity, Elizabeth will be moving to Chicago this fall to join the faculty at Northwestern University, where she will be involved with both research and teaching. She is currently engaged in the daunting task of defending her doctoral dissertation this May before graduation. Despite the stress of her busy schedule, she continues to play a vital role at Trinity. We will certainly miss her and are proud of her scholarly accomplishments and her new exciting job. Please pray for Elizabeth to find a new church home in Chicago that can benefit from her rich talents and through which she can continue her faith journey. Thank you, Elizabeth, for your dedication to Trinity and years of service and stewardship!



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IN SYMPATHY

Trinity sympathies are extended to the Family of Trinity member, Ann Jackson ... to Rev. Gloria and Rev. Philip Brooks and Family in the passing of Gloria's stepfather, Harold Adams ... and to Rich Schnipke and Family in the passing of his grandfather, Paul John Clark.

BIRTHS

The rose on the altar Sunday, February 28, 2010 was presented to God for the birth of Eva Reyes Barnes, daughter of Sonia and Drew, born February 18, 2010. Grandparents are Jeanie and Ed Spiker.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on Sunday, February 21, 2010 for Benjamin Daniel Ackert, son of Kelly and Daniel ... for John Robert Houser, son of Jennifer and Robert ... for Skylar Maria-Pilar Lopez, daughter of Michele and Manuel ... and for Leo Michael Tudas, son of natalie and Jeffrey.

Positive Impact of Bequest on Trinity

by John Easton, Trinity Foundation

Last fall, Trinity received a \$1.2 million bequest from the estate of Charlotte Smith. Rev. Brooks stated that in his experience he has not pastored a congregation nor personally known of a United Methodist Church receiving a bequest of this size. We are truly blessed by Charlotte's generous gift.

Charlotte's only stipulation was that the funds be placed in the Trinity Foundation. Her lawyer said that, "Charlotte trusted that when the money was given to the Trinity Foundation, the people of Trinity would know where the money can be used in a way that best serves the work of Christ."

Trinity Foundation funds cannot be used to support the current expense budget or annual loyalty campaign. The Trinity Foundation is an endowment fund of which only the accrued interest, typically 4%-5%, can be used for projects, missions, and ministries not covered by the annual current expense budget.

Our congregation has had a Foundation since the 1980s, enabling us to augment the activities of our Church. The Foundation's extra money has enhanced our church through seminary scholarships, missions, facilities, youth programs, etc. that were not covered by the regular budget. These areas and others have been financially supplemented outside normal annual giving as Trinity members have applied their time, talent and treasure to develop a dynamic and growing congregation. This has occurred through giving to the annual campaign plus giving to meet the long-range Trinity Foundation goals. No pledged gifts go to the Foundation, but rather to the

operating budget that underwrites the entirety of Trinity's expenses.

The money provided by Charlotte's bequest will "inject some additional zest." One idea Rev. Brooks proposed is to add to Trinity's outreach, locally and beyond our city, through means to help people who may not directly attend our church to know God. "To know Christ and to make Christ known," is an overarching goal of all we do.

Other suggestions have been offered of creating a web-based ministry that uses new technology to penetrate the endless list of groups and individuals whose social needs are outside our present church campus. The Trinity website receives thousands of visits each year and is a growing part of our effective ministries.

Another thought is to expand our commitment to our community by developing a notable annual lecture series or sponsoring a Christian arts or music event that deepens persons' understandings of Christ and the Christian life.

Charlotte's career was in medical research. Her leisure time was spent enjoying all the cultural highlights of the city. Using new technology and expanding cultural activities in a Christian context are areas that we think she would have felt reflects her lifetime interest and her commitment to her faith.

We are excited to open a new decade with this injection of significant resources that will help Trinity serve God's purpose in the community, nation and world.